



Agenda

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

Saul Room, Atrium Building, 3rd Floor
99 W. 10th Ave., Eugene

Sustainability Commissioners: Alexis Biddle, Shawn Boles, Jerry Diethelm, Dawn Lesley, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Price, Howard Saxion, Carolyn Stein, David Tam, Sue Wolling and Alan Zelenka

Staff: Babe O'Sullivan, Matt McRae

	<u>Starting time</u>
1. Opening	5:30 p.m.
- Action item: review agenda	
- Action item: approve minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting	
2. Public comment	5:40 p.m.
3. Welcome new commissioners	5:50 p.m.
- Information item: introductions	
4. Elections	6:00 p.m.
- Action item: elect chair and vice chair positions	
5. FY 16 work planning	6:10 p.m.
- Information item: feedback from Mayor and City Manager	
6. BREAK	7:00 p.m.
7. Sub-committee reports	7:10 p.m.
- Information item: annual committee reports	
8. FY 16 work planning	8:00 p.m.
- Discussion item: brainstorm topics and information needs for retreat	
9. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up	8:25 p.m.

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FY 2015 Transportation Subcommittee Report

Planned Outcomes (from Work Plan):

1. Work to ensure the adopted Transportation System Plan (TSP) supports the pillars of Envision Eugene (compact urban development, efficient transportation options, planning for climate change) and the Climate Recovery Ordinance by reducing dependence on single-occupant automobiles and increasing reliance on active transportation.
2. Support adoption of the goals of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan (PBMP) as part of the TSP, and prioritizing funds for its implementation.
3. Support a Complete Streets Policy for Eugene that commits to requiring that all transportation projects be evaluated to assure they serve people traveling by all modes.

Planned Activities:

1. Participate in development of the TSP as members of the Transportation Community Resource Group (TCRG), and report back to Sustainability Commission *DONE: TCRG met only once, on Jan. 13. Howie and Sue attended, and reported back to Commission.*
2. Advocate for a Complete Streets Policy, and provide examples and recommendations for staff and Council to consider in creating a Complete Streets policy. *DONE: Sustainability Commission approved recommended changes to Complete Streets policy and forwarded them to staff (Dec., 2014). Most, but not all, of those recommendations have been incorporated into the draft TSP.*
3. Continually emphasize to staff and Council that the pillars of Envision Eugene depend on transportation infrastructure that supports 20-Minute Neighborhoods, active transportation and reduced fossil fuel use. *PARTIALLY DONE: The concepts of 20-Minute Neighborhoods, active transportation and reduced fuel use are central to the policies of the draft TSP. Progress on adopting the TSP has been extremely slow, so there remains work to do to ensure that a strong TSP that serves the pillars of Envision Eugene is adopted and implemented.*
4. Focus on promoting solutions to Belt Line safety issues that are consistent with TSP policy priorities, funding realities, and the climate effects of both construction and use of Belt Line. *PARTIALLY DONE: Committee members met with key staff on Dec. 12 to raise issues and get clarification about Belt Line improvements. It appears that Environmental (NEPA) review offers the best opportunity to challenge assumptions underlying the "big build" options, and urge a re-consideration of "low-build options" that were previously rejected. There has been no information about when NEPA review will begin. Meanwhile, incremental improvements on Belt Line are underway, and it appears that ODOT is still assuming that a major expansion of*

Belt Line will occur at some point. The TSP includes a “placeholder” for Belt Line improvements. This issue bears monitoring.

5. Collaborate with Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to prioritize bike/pedestrian projects and policies that will have the biggest impact in promoting active transportation choices and support integration of the Ped/Bike Master Plan (PBMP) into the TSP. *PARTIALLY DONE: The PBMP is integrated into the draft TSP. BPAC has worked on prioritizing projects. Committee members speak with BPAC members informally, but the committee has not formally met with BPAC.*
6. Monitor implementation of the trial of Alternative Three on Willamette Street, and the collection of data to evaluate its results. *PARTIALLY DONE: The “Trial” on Willamette Street is now planned for Fall, 2015, and will continue through 2016. Committee members have talked with Project Manager Chris Henry several times, as well as with other community members who are involved in the Willamette Street trial. Concern remains about how the results of the trial will be measured and interpreted. This issue bears monitoring.*
7. Support City efforts to obtain outside funding for projects that reduce reliance on automobiles and enhance active transportation. *NOT DONE: The City has not requested any support of grant proposals.*

Unfinished Business/Upcoming Opportunities:

The TSP is now scheduled for adoption in Fall, 2015, along with Envision Eugene. This provides an opportunity to remind Council of the need for a strong TSP to support the pillars of Envision Eugene, including a Complete Streets policy. There might (or might not) be an opportunity to recommend “front loading” bike/ped projects for early implementation in the 20-year life of the TSP.

The Complete Streets policy in the draft TSP does not include the annual reporting about Complete Streets implementation that the Sustainability Commission recommended in its Dec. 2014 letter. The committee could reiterate that recommendation for approval in the final TSP.

Belt Line improvements merit monitoring, with possible Commission involvement if an opportunity arises.

The trial of Option Three on Willamette Street merits monitoring.

The “Moving Ahead” study of Key Transit Corridors is underway, and will continue into 2016. This topic logically belongs within the Transportation subcommittee.

Bike Share is coming, with implementation (optimistically) before the 2016 Olympic Trials. Bike Share offers a great opportunity for a “game-changing” effect in attracting

non-cyclists to use active transportation--so the committee could recommend City investments that would support a robust and successful BikeShare system.

Street Repair funded by the Street Repair Bond Measure will continue through 2018. If Council decides to seek a subsequent street repair bond measure, it would probably be on the ballot in November, 2016. The committee could offer input as to bike/ped and climate provisions to include in that bond measure.

BEST (Better Eugene-Springfield Transit) is promoting Vision Zero in Eugene-Springfield--an effort to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. The committee might have an opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Carbon Fee/Carbon Recovery Ordinance (CRO) FY15 Work Plan Progress Assessment and FY16 Recommendations

FY15 Work Plan Progress

The Fiscal year (FY) 15 Sustainability Commission Work Plan included three tasks. This document provides an assessment of the progress that was made in accomplishing these tasks.

1. *Evaluate the Oregon Legislature's Carbon Fee Study (pursuant to SB 306) and Provide Recommendations to the Council*

The Carbon Fee Study prepared by Portland State University was released in November 2014, was evaluated by the Carbon Fee subcommittee. Based on this evaluation, the Sustainability Commission adopted a resolution that requested the Eugene City Council to support enactment of a carbon fee by the Oregon Legislature. The Eugene City Council adopted a resolution urging the Legislature adopt a carbon pricing strategy.

The subcommittee monitored the status of carbon pricing legislation during this year's session of the Oregon Legislature. The subcommittee informally met with several Legislators and other organizations to discuss carbon pricing bills, status, and prospects for enactment. No carbon pricing legislation was enacted by the Legislature.

2. *Provide assistance to City Staff on implementation of CRO metrics integrated with Envision Eugene Pillar 7*

CRO implementation metrics have not been developed to the extent that would allow the Commission to provide assistance. Therefore, no progress was made on this task.

3. *Preparation of a verifiable local Carbon Offset Assessment linked to the CRO for Commission consideration*

The subcommittee reached out to the University of Oregon's Oregon Leadership in Sustainability (OLIS) program to encourage them to undertake a study to assess local carbon offset programs that may exist in other communities. The OLIS program declined to undertake this study because of its complexity and the effort that would be required. Therefore, no progress was made on this task. The subcommittee conducted preliminary research on identifying local carbon offset programs.

FY16 Work Plan Recommendations

1. *Carbon Pricing*

Carbon pricing is likely to receive increase attention during the 2016 session of the Oregon Legislature. During the 2015 session, House Bill 3470 was introduced that would have established a carbon emission cap and trade program. HB3470 stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee late in the session. This bill will be reintroduced, as its prospects for adoption should be better. This legislation will be critical to the success of the goals established in City of Eugene's CRO.

2. *CRO Implementation Metrics and Integration with Pillar 7*

The CRO requires staff to develop implementation metrics for Council consideration. It is recommended that the Commission review draft implementation metrics and provide comments prior to Council adoption.

3. *Local Carbon Offset Programs*

Continue efforts to assess local carbon offset programs. This may require a subcommittee initiative to conduct research to identify existing local programs.

4. *Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation Strategies*

It is recommended that the Commission continue to provide input and recommendation on local planning efforts for climate change preparation and adaptation. While planning efforts have been regional in focus, it is recommended that the City of Eugene, as the largest city in the region, is assertive in development and implementation of adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Eugene Sustainability Commission FY15 Committee Report: **Envision Eugene**

Description: Review and provide input on Envision Eugene implementation

Outcome 1. Provide Envision Eugene context to Council, Mayor, and City Manager on key decisions and actions, particularly as they relate to Pillars 3 (Plan for Climate Change and Energy Resiliency) and 7 (Provide for adaptable, flexible, and collaborative implementation)

Status June 30, 2015: Commission members attended and provided input in joint meeting of Planning, Human Rights, and Sustainability Commissions for general TBL comparison of three different proposed UGB Housing Expansion zones. In two separate meetings with City planning staff in Spring 2015, the committee provided Envision Eugene context input to the Growth Monitoring Plan.

Outcome 2. Support Council, Mayor and City Manager in decisions and actions that are consistent with the 7 pillars of Envision Eugene

Status June 30, 2015: Envision Eugene committee led the Commission in preparing and submitting a January 21, 2015 memo that provided the Commission's comments on the City's Preliminary Staff Recommendation on Envision Eugene UGB Expansion. No Council support was requested this FY, for communication to stakeholder organizations.